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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT STATEMENTS FOLLOWING
SENATE ACTION ON TURKISH EMBARGO VOTE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT MADE BY WHITE HOUSE

PRESS SECRETARY AFTERNOON JULY 25 FOLLOWING SENATE VOTE
ON TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO:

BEGIN TEXT: THE PRESIDENT IS GRATIFIED AT THE STRONG
BIPARTISAN SUPPORT IN THE SENATE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S
REQUEST FOR LIFTING THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. THIS IS A
CONSTRUCTIVE AND STATESMANLIKE ACTION THAT WILL STRENGTHEN
THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOLIDARITY OF
THE NATO ALLIANCE.

IT IS AN ACTION THAT WE BELIEVE IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS
OF THE PEOPLE OF GREECE, OF TURKEY AND OF CYPRUS. WE
VALUE BOTH ALLIES AND RESPECT THE CONTRIBUTION THAT THIS
MAKES TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE WEST. WE WISH TO DO
EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENABLE THEM TO MAINTAIN STRONG
DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES, STRONG ECONOMIES AND THEIR ABILITY
TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEFENSE OF A
VERY IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF THE NATO AREA.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ACCELERATED PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT
OF THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE PERSISTED IN THE EASTERN MEDIT-
ERRANEAN FAR TOO LONG. WE DESIRE TO SEE ALL PEOPLE OF
THE REGION WORK IN HARMONY TO SETTLE ISSUES THAT HAVE
DRAWN THEM APART.

THE SIZE OF THIS VOTE INDICATES THE GROWING REALIZATION
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THAT THE EMBARGO HAS OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS. THE SENATE
ACTION TODAY CAN ONLY ENCOURAGE AND ENHANCE THE POSITIVE
DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS. THE PRESIDENT HOPES
THE HOUSE NEXT WEEK WILL ACT TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE THAT
PROGRESS. END TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT RELEASED BY DEPARTMENT
JULY 25 FOLLOWING SENATE VOTE ON THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO:

BEGIN TEXT: THE SENATE HAS TAKEN A COMMENDABLE AND
STATESMANLIKE ACTION TODAY IN VOTING TO LIFT RESTRICTIONS
ON ARMS SALES TO TURKEY. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL ACT IN A SIMILAR FASHION WHEN IT
CONSIDERS THIS ISSUE.

THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WILL ALLOW THE UNITED STATES
TO PROCEED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF RENEWED TRUST TO WORK
TOWARD THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE COUN-
TRIES OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. THE ADMINISTRATION
WILL CONTINUE TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO HELP BRING ABOUT
A JUST AND LASTING CYPRUS SOLUTION, AND TO HELP ACHIEVE
PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS IN THAT REGION. THE LIFT-

INT OF THE EMBARGO WILL HELP PROMOTE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
THESE IMPORTANT POLICY GOALS. END TEXT. VANCE

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